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In re Application of
Norio Kurita et al.
Application No.: 10/577,550
Filed: 28 April 2006
Attorney Docket No.: 46884-5476
(225497)
For: SHUTTER UNIT AND LASER
PROCESSING DEVICE USING SAME

: DECISION ON REQUEST TO
: PARTICIPATE IN THE PATENT
: PROSECUTION HIGHWAY
: PROGRAM AND PETITION
: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
: 37 CFR 1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed 10 July 2009, to make the above-identified application special.

The request and petition are **DENIED**.

Discussion

A grantable request to participate in the PPH program and petition to make special require:

1. The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO, note where the JPO application with similar claims is not the same application from which the U.S. application claims priority that the applicant must identify the relationship between the JPO application with similar claims and the JPO priority application;
2. Applicant must submit a copy of:
 - a. The allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) or if a copy of the allowable/patentable claims is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO obtain a copy from the DAS, however if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
 - b. An English translation of the allowable/patentable claim(s) and
 - c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;
3. Applicant must:

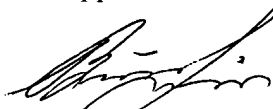
- a. Ensure all the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s) and
 - b. Submit a claims correspondence table in English;
4. Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
5. Applicant must submit:
 - a. Documentation of prior office action:
 - i. a copy of the office action(s) just prior to the "Decision to Grant a Patent" from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) or
 - ii. if the allowable/patentable claims(s) are from a "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" then the Notification of Reasons for Refusal or
 - iii. if the JPO application is a first action allowance then no office action from the JPO is necessary should be indicated on the request/petition form;Further, if a copy of the documents from a or b above is available via the Dossier Access System (DAS) applicant may request the USPTO obtain a copy from the DAS, however if the USPTO is unable to obtain a copy from the DAS the applicant will be required to submit a copy;
 - b. An English language translation of the JPO Office action from (5)(a)(i)-(ii) above
 - c. A statement that the English translation is accurate;
6. Applicant must submit:
 - a. An IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in the JPO office action (unless already submitted in this application)
 - b. Copies of the documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications (unless already submitted in this application);
7. The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

This request to participate in the PPH program and petition fails to satisfy at least condition 4 above. This application has received a Notice of Allowability by the Examiner on 27 July 2009. This application will remain in its regular status and prosecution shall continue in its regular course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Brian Sircus at 571 272 2058.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application is accessible in the PAIR system at <http://www.uspto.gov/ebc.index.html>.

This application remains.



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